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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <i>Ph.D., Agricultural and Applied Economics</i>	IL, USA 2025 (<i>Expected</i>)
Universität Hohenheim <i>M.Sc., Bioeconomy</i>	Stuttgart, Germany 2019
Purdue University <i>Exchange student, Agricultural Economics</i>	IN, USA 2017 Fall
Beijing Institute of Technology <i>B.Sc., International Economics and Trade</i>	Beijing, China 2014
Universität Bayreuth <i>Exchange Student, Economics</i>	Bayreuth, Germany 2012 Fall

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [2] **Zhang, N.**, Sharma, B. P., & Khanna, M. (2023). Determining spatially varying profit-maximizing management practices for miscanthus and switchgrass production in the rainfed United States. *GCB Bioenergy*, 15(3), 271-282. doi.org/10.1111/gcbb.13021
- [1] Sharma, B. P., **Zhang, N.**, Lee, D., Heaton, E., Delucia, E. H., Sacks, E. J., ... & Khanna, M. (2022). Responsiveness of miscanthus and switchgrass yields to stand age and nitrogen fertilization: A meta-regression analysis. *GCB Bioenergy*, 14(5), 539-557. doi.org/10.1111/gcbb.12929

WORKING PAPERS

- [1] **Zhang, N.**, Khanna M., Atallah S., Zhou Q., & Guan K. (2023). Understanding the Drivers of Cover Crop Adoption in the US Midwest Using Satellite Data

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2024** | UIUC ACE Conference Travel Award (\$500)
2023 | AAEA Trust Scholarship (\$500), UIUC ACE Conference Travel Award (\$500)
2021 | Stipend for Illinois Summer Teaching Institute (\$1500), Berkeley/Sloan Summer School Fellowship (\$500)
2018 | Exceed-Swindon Grant for Water Security & Climate Change Conference, STIBET Scholarship (1000 Euro ×2)
2010-2014 | Scholarship for International Class, Merit-Based Scholarships (BIT)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2024** | IPWSD workshop (Columbia University, eggtimer)
2023 | AAEA Annual Conference, AERE Annual Summer Conference (Poster), “Policy, Markets and Trade in the Bioeconomy“ Seminar (University Hohenheim, online presentation), pERE seminar(UIUC), AIFARM Annual Conference (UIUC, Poster), IPWSD workshop(Columbia University, eggtimer)
2022 | Genomic Sciences Program Annual Meeting (Poster, Visual)
2018 | Water Security and Climate Change (WSSC) Conference (Nairobi, Kenya), 2nd International Bioeconomy Congress (Poster, Germany)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Graduate Research Assistant to Madhu Khanna

Aug. 2019 – Present

Sustainability Theme of the Center for Advanced Bioenergy and Bioproducts Innovation (CABBI)

Artificial Intelligence for Future Agricultural Resilience, Management, and Sustainability Institute (AIFARMS)

Graduate Research Assistant to Erica Myers

Jan. 2020 – May 2020

“Do Consumers Acquire Information Optimally? Evidence from an Experiment in Energy Efficiency”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor at UIUC (Full responsibility) | *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Math Camp for Masters’ Students in Applied Economics (2022 Summer)

Teaching Assistant (Leading weekly discussion sessions) | *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

ACE 310 Natural Resource Economics (2022 Spring)

ACE 210 Environmental Economics (2021 Fall)

Teaching Certificates

Graduate Teacher Certificate (2022)

Teaching Training Certificate, Illinois Summer Teaching Institute (2021)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Universität Hohenheim (Germany), Student Assistant to Christine Wieck

Apr. 2018 – Feb. 2019

BABLE Smart City Platform (Germany), Research Intern

Nov. 2018 – Apr. 2019

INS Marketing Research and Consulting Co. Ltd. (China), Research Associate

Aug. 2014 – Jul. 2016

Beijing Mercedes-Benz Sales Service Co. Ltd. (China), Consumer Research Intern

Feb. 2014 – Jun. 2014

WORKSHOPS

2024 Aug | Experimental Economics (University of Chicago)

2023 May | Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics Workshop (ASU)

2021 Aug | Berkeley/Sloan EEE Summer School

2018 | EIT Food Program Certificate “How to best use novel plant protein–carbohydrate based ingredients in foods.”

SKILLS

Programming: STATA, Python, GAMS, Git/GitHub, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX

Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent), German (basic)

SERVICES

Center for Economics and Sustainability, graduate committee member (UIUC, 2020 – present)

ACE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee, student representative (UIUC, 2022 – 2023)

AERE Annual Summer Conference Abstract reviewer (2023, 2024)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

REFERENCES

Madhu Khanna

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